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In 1936 President David A. Broadbent asked Joseph to be President of the Stake missionary work. He acted in this calling for nine years. He was also on the Stake Sunday School Board at this time.

In September, 1945 he was called to be Bishop of the Midway 2nd Ward. Elder Marion G. Romney set him apart on November 4, 1945 and he served the ward for six and a half years.

In December, 1955 the family moved to Salt Lake City and are members of the Emerson 2nd Ward, Sugar House Stake. Here he has served as Sunday School Superintendent, and at the present time is group leader of the High Priest Quorum.

Their children are Paul J., Mrs. Jean J. Giles, JoAnn and Emma Ruth.

JAMES KINSEY AND MARGARET SHELTON KINSEY



James Kinsey was born January 4, 1874, in Burton-On-Trent, England, son of George Kinsey, Sr., and Eliza Bates. Married Margaret Shelton August 20, 1901. Died June 26, 1916, at Petrola, California. Buried in Midway.